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Georges Guiochon : Group Art Unit:

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PACK
HIGH EFFICIENCY COLUMNS FOR
CHROMATOGRAPHY**

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT, DR. GEORGES GUIOCHON

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Dr. Georges Guiochon, am the sole inventor of the subject matter of the current application. I hereby declare that I am over 65 years of age.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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